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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1.-56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) A hand-held, self-contained security and surveillance system ~~capable of being hand-carried by ground personnel~~ for both local and remote identification of a target, comprising:

at least one sensor module;

a base housing common electronics for a plurality of sensor modules;

a mounting rail on the base;

a connector provided in the base;

wherein the sensor module is ~~adapted~~ structured and arranged to be mounted on the rail and connected to the connector for holding the sensor module in position and for connecting the sensor module to the electronics housed in the base;

wherein the mounting rail and the connector are ~~adapted~~ structured and arranged to couple any of a plurality of sensor modules [units] selected from a group consisting of:

a high performance day module;

a high performance night module;

a high laser range finder;

a forward looking infrared module;

a radio frequency probe module; and

a nuclear, biological and chemical detector.

58.-60. (Canceled)

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61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein the base includes a view finder and a display screen.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein there is further included a self-contained power supply in communication with the base for driving the base electronics and the module electronics.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein the base includes communications equipment for transmitting data captured by the sensor module to a remote location.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, wherein the base further includes a contained memory system for storing data captured by the sensor module.